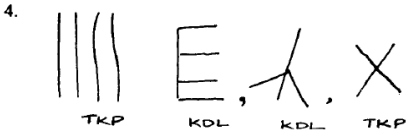
Tamil Nadu Graffiti – the comb symbol indicates the word “Offering.”

35. Sēppu or Vāru Comb or To Comb

36.

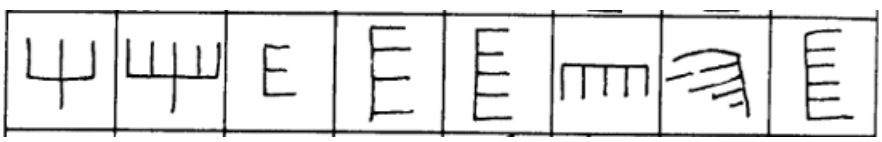
Reference to the above symbol: page 116 of the book by Gurumurthy. The reference “GMM” refers to the Government Museum, Madurai. The exact place where this artefact was found is not known. This comb-like symbol appears in IVC as well as in Tamil Nadu graffiti. Gurumurthy defines the symbol simply as “Comb”. But it is not as simple as that. There is a deeper meaning behind this symbol. I have already determined its value as “Offering” in my earlier book, the “Indus Symbols Dictionary”. The exact meaning is also applicable in ancient Tamil Nadu. This “comb” symbol had to be read with other accompanying symbols to understand its true sense.

For more information, read my article, “The Comb Symbol Means the Word 'Offering' in the Indus Valley Civilisation” (in the Indus Symbols Dictionary book).

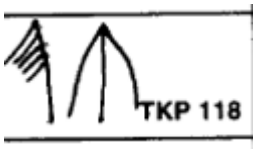
4. 

Gurumurthy defines all these four symbols as the number “Four”, a straightforward solution from Gurumurthy. All four symbols are distinct from one another. The comb symbol is depicted as pottery graffiti from Kodumanal, as shown on page 120 of the book by Gurumurthy.

A similar comb symbol appears with three fangs in the Uraiyur pot graffiti. Gurumurthy defines it as number three (Page no. 120). I disagree with this interpretation; it is a variant of the same ‘offering’ symbol.



The above picture shows variants of the offering symbol in Tamil Nadu graffiti. Reference page no 274, book by Gurumurthy.



This graffiti appears in Thirukampuliyur, near Karur, Tamil Nadu. The first symbol resembles a comb, which may suggest an offering. The second symbol defines the god to whom the offering was made. The second symbol indicates the mountain god. The mountain god of Tamil Nadu was either Geb of Egypt, Enlil of Sumeria or Varuna of the IVC. It could be any one of the three gods. One crucial point is that these symbols should be interpreted with their adjoining symbols. Here, it clearly says that some offering was made to the mountain god. Hence, the idea that the comb symbol means offering is confirmed.